House Resolution No. 371

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Bea Roy, a treasured resident of Alton, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on February 22, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the Community Center in Alton; and

Whereas, Bea Roy came into this world in Riverton on February 22, 1914, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents John Thomas and Delila Johnson Hufstedler, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Bea embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Leamon Ray Roy, a kind and caring gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his departure from this world in 1987; and

Whereas, a member of the Democratic Committee for several years, Bea Roy found employment opportunities as a farmer, electrician, Oregon County Deputy Sheriff for twenty-six years, employee of the Missouri Department of Public Safety for twelve years, and local news correspondent for area papers for many years; and

Whereas, Bea Roy derived a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction when she saw the first electric lights that she and Leamon had wired in many local homes in the late 1940s; and

Whereas, now ninety years young, Bea Roy faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Bea Roy as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Bea Roy, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 371, adopted February 3, 2004.